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SUBJ: CSCE: PRINTING OF FINAL TEXTS

1. EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT HAS PRINTED UP GALLEY SAMPLES OF THREE ALTERNATIVE FORMATS FOR PRINTED VERSIONS OF FINAL CSCE TEXTS, (COPY POUCHED TO EUR/RPM - FROWICK) AND ASKED FOR OUR PREFERENCES. THREE ALTERNATIVES PROPOSED BY SECRETARIAT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. PARALLEL COLUMNS -- THIS STYLE WOULD INCLUDE ALL SIX LANGUAGE VERSIONS IN THE SAME PRINTED BOOKLET, IN SIX PARALLEL COLUMNS, THREE EACH ON FACING PAGES.

B. SEQUENTIAL -- THIS STYLE WOULD ALSO INCLUDE ALL SIX LANGUAGE VERSIONS IN THE SAME BOOKLET, BUT IN SEQUENCE (I.E. FULL GERMAN LANGUAGE VERSION FOLLOWED BY FULL ENGLISH VERSION, FOLLOWED BY SPANISH, FRENCH, ITALIAN AND RUSSIAN).

C. SEPARATE -- THIS WOULD ENTAIL SEPARATE BOOKLETS FOR EACH LANGUAGE VERSIONS.

2. SECRETARIAT SPECIFIED THAT A CEREMONIAL VERSION FOR SIG-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATURE WOULD ALSO BE PRINTED, TOGETHER WITH THIRTY-FIVE

LEATHER-BOUND "TRUE" COPIES, ONE FOR EACH PARTICIPATING STATE, AND THAT POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE VERSIONS MENTIONED ABOVE WOULD BE FOR CIRCULATION TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC. THEY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT UNLESS THREE WEEKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PRINTING OF FINAL DOCUMENTS BETWEEN STAGES II AND III, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DISTRIBUTE INTERIM MIMEOGRAPHED COPIES TO THE PRESS IN HELSINKI, A SOLUTION WHICH WOULD CLEARLY BE UNDESIRABLE, SINCE IT WOULD GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF A HASTILY-CONCEIVED FINAL RESULT. FINALLY, SECRETARIAT SHOWED US THE LIGHT BLUE COVER WITH WHICH THEY PLAN TO BIND THE FINAL DOCUMENTS.

3. WE TOLD SECRETARIAT THAT WE THOUGHT SIX-COLUMN STYLE (PARA 1A ABOVE) WAS APPROPRIATE FOR SIGNATURE AND TRUE COPIES, SINCE IT WOULD ELIMINATE NECESSITY OF SIGNING SIX DIFFERENT LANGUAGE VERSIONS. HOWEVER, WE EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR SEQUENTIAL OR SEPARATE VERSIONS (PARAS 1B AND 1C ABOVE) FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION, SINCE THESE WOULD BE EASIER TO READ AND LESS LIKELY TO ATTRACT ATTENTION TO ANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE VARIOUS LANGUAGE VERSIONS. WE TOLD SECRETARIAT THAT WE DOUBTED THREE FULL WEEKS WOULD BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN STAGES II AND III, ESPECIALLY IF STAGE III IS HELD IN JULY, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE PRINTERS DOING THIS WORK SHOULD TAKE ANTICIPATORY MEASURES, SUCH AS SETTING OF TYPE IN ADVANCE FOR THOSE SECTIONS OF FINAL DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE ALREADY AGREED. WE SAID WE DID NOT THINK A MIMEOGRAPHED VERSION OF THE FINAL CSCE DOCUMENTS WOULD BE FULLY SATISFACTORY. AS TO THE COVER, WE INDICATED THAT THE LIGHT BLUE COVER PRESENTLY PLANNED WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO US.

4. IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY VIEWS ON THESE ASPECTS OF THE PRINTING OF THE FINAL DOCUMENTS, WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE.
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